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Dr. Robert F. Thorne
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 North College Ave.
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Thorne:

They keep coming in! Perhaps I could have looked up some of these, but my bumbling around would only delay matters. Specimens 1-4 came from a lady who helpfully gives the Portuguese names, which doesn't help me much. She also mentioned "Fudegausa", also a Portuguese name for a plant, but enclosed no specimen of this.

Nos.1-4: From Newman, Stanislaus Co. - "Enclosed are samples of herbs or weeds. I have written the name in Portuguese on each envelope. I would appreciate the name of each in English and what are these used for in medicine or otherwise. Also would like to know the use for peppergrass and its seeds." 4- Lepidium

4-Artemesia absinthium L.

No. 5: From Bellflower - "Enclosed is a piece of vine and fruit from the vine. Would like to know the name and if it is poisonous, or is it edible? It came up volunteer in my yard." (Can't resist a bad guess. This is a dead-ringer for a picture of Bladderflower (Araujia sericifera) in Weeds of California.. However, in the description the leaves are described as dark green above. Have learned that one can't always depend on pictures! MM) right!

No. 6: Red Bluff, Tehama County - "Can you identify the enclosed leaves from a tree which is quite tall? It is found at Shasta Lake, Elevation about 1200 feet, and also grows in western Oregon. Hope the leaves are not too dried out. There is a lot of dogwood up there, but apparently this is not the dogwood we know, with the white flower. This does not bloom." Fraxinus ~~oregona~~ latifolia

Hope these aren't too impossible. Am taking a few days off - hope to pick up a few nice green specimens in the Las Vegas jungle. If such a miracle should happen I believe even I can identify them.

Sincerely,

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1 -
2 - Lactuca virosa longiloba - Navaé
3 - Borago officinalis L. - Bourraxa